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Applicant REMINGTON PRODUCTS COMPANY, L.L.C.			
<p>1. This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.</p> <p>2. This REPORT consists of a total of <u>3</u> sheets, including this cover sheet.</p> <p>3. This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, comprising:</p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> (sent to the applicant and to the International Bureau) a total of ___ sheets, as follows:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis of this report and/or sheets containing rectifications authorized by this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> sheets which supersede earlier sheets, but which this Authority considers contain an amendment that goes beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed, as indicated in item 4 of Box No. I and the Supplemental Box.</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> (sent to the International Bureau only) a total of (indicate type and number of electronic carrier(s)) ___ , containing a sequence listing and/or tables related thereto, in computer readable form only, as indicated in the Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing (see Section 802 of the Administrative Instructions).</p> <p>4. This report contains indications relating to the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Box No. I Basis of the report <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. II Priority <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VI Certain documents cited <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application 			
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International application No.

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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:

- international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
- publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
- international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):

the international application as originally filed/furnished

the description:

pages 1-29 as originally filed/furnished

pages* NONE received by this Authority on _____

pages* NONE received by this Authority on _____

the claims:

pages 30-47 as originally filed/furnished

pages* NONE as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19

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the drawings:

pages 1/15-15/15 as originally filed/furnished

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a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) - see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.

3. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

the description, pages NONE

the claims, Nos. NONE

the drawings, sheets/figs NONE

the sequence listing (*specify*): NONE

any table(s) related to the sequence listing (*specify*): NONE

4. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

the description, pages _____

the claims, Nos. _____

the drawings, sheets/figs _____

the sequence listing (*specify*): _____

any table(s) related to the sequence listing (*specify*): _____

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International application No.
PCT/US04/00112**Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement****1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims 2-43	YES
	Claims 1	NO
Inventive Step (IS)	Claims 2-43	YES
	Claims NONE	NO
Industrial Applicability (IA)	Claims 1-43	YES
	Claims NONE	NO

2. Citations and Explanations (Rule 70.7)**----- NEW CITATIONS -----**

Claim 1 lacks novelty under PCT Article 33(2) as being anticipated by either MARLOW or ARRIGO.

Note that ARRIGO disclose a cleaning system for removing debris from the interior of an article comprising a support member (28), a fluid retaining/holding zone (16), a pump assembly (24) communicating with the retaining zone and constructed for withdrawing cleaning fluid from the retaining/holding zone and delivering cleaning fluid through a delivery conduit (98) with the delivery conduit connected to the pump incorporating at least one delivery port (94) and extending from the pump assembly to the support member, and being positioned in cooperative relationship with a portal (92) formed in the article, whereby cleaning fluid is withdrawn from the fluid retaining/holding zone and delivered directly to the interior of the article through the article portal for flushing debris therefrom. The intended use of removing hair clippings from an electric shaver is if no patentable significance in that fails to give life, meaning and vitality to the body of the claim.

Claims 2-43 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(3), because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest the combination of a cleaning system in which the housing is constructed to contain the fluid retaining/holding zone, the pump assembly and the fluid delivery conduit in operational relationship and incorporating. The support member for positioning and holding the portal of the article in fluid receiving relationship with the delivery port of the fluid delivery conduit, assuring the flow of cleaning fluid directly into the interior of the article.

Claims 1-43 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(4), and thus have industrial applicability because the subject matter claimed can be made or used in industry.